

TO RECOGNIZE CARRANZA AS RULER OVER MEXICO

Pan-American Conference Decides to Accord Him Moral Support.

HOPES PLAN WILL SUCCEED

Believed That Action of Western Republics Will Put Country in Fair Way to Peaceful Settlement.

Washington, Oct. 9.—Recognition of the party led by Gen. Carranza and the de facto government in Mexico was unanimously agreed on today by the Pan-American conference as the step to be recommended to the respective governments.

Secretary Lansing, on behalf of the United States, expressed its intention to recognize Gen. Carranza and the ambassadors of Brazil, Chile and Argentina and the ministers of Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala transmitted tonight the decision of the Washington government as well as their opinions in agreement with it. President Wilson has approved the plan and the ministers in the Latin-American corps also have given their adherence to it.

The action of today's conference was regarded generally as the most important diplomatic step in the Mexican situation since the United States decided to withhold recognition from the Huerta government. It means that the Carranza government will receive the moral support of the United States and that an embargo will be placed on arms destined for opposing factions as soon as recognition actually is extended, which probably will be within a fortnight.

ONLY POSSIBLE PARTY.
The conference was in session for three hours, after which Secretary Lansing made the following announcement:

"The conference, after careful consideration of the facts, has found that the Carranza is the only party in Mexico which possesses the essentials for recognition as the de facto government, and they have so reported to their respective governments."

Secretary Lansing said the United States would await responses from the other South American governments represented in the conference before taking formal action toward recognition. He said the conference contemplated no interference in Mexico's internal affairs, and that the question of an embargo on arms and ammunition had not been discussed.

The fact that the United States already has decided to recognize the Carranza government is thought likely to have an important moral effect in Mexico. Officials believe many elements will now align themselves with Carranza and that the latter himself will adopt a liberal attitude towards his opponents.

Secretary Lansing made it clear that while the United States could not condition recognition upon the giving of amnesty or the settlement of other questions of a strictly international nature, satisfactory assurances on these and other subjects have been forthcoming from the Carranza government.

UNCLE SAM'S FLEET LOSES.

Atlantic Coast Defenses Smashed and "Enemy" Lands on American Soil.

Washington, Oct. 9.—For the second consecutive time this year the naval defense of the Atlantic coast has been smashed, theoretically, and hostile troops landed on American soil. Admiral Fletcher's "Blue" fleet was scattered or destroyed by a night torpedo attack, the navy department announced tonight, and transports bearing an enemy landing force steamed into Delaware Bay at 6 o'clock tonight, bringing to an end the fall navy manoeuvres, which began October 4.

Dr. Houston in Columbia.

Columbia, Oct. 9.—Secretary Houston of the federal department of agriculture arrived in Columbia tonight by automobile after a tour of the eastern section of the state. He will send the next several days studying the agricultural conditions of the upper section of the state and is scheduled to deliver an address Wednesday at the centennial of the Pendleton Farmers' Society.

PRESIDENT SPENDS DAY IN BALTIMORE

Took His Fiancee to See Family of His Brother, Joseph R. Wilson.

Washington, Oct. 10.—President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt, his fiancée, motored to Baltimore today to visit the President's brother, Joseph R. Wilson, who had not met the next mistress of the White House before. While there they attended church and were guests of honor at a family luncheon party.

Several hundred people in Baltimore learned of the presence of the couple and crowded about the church and the apartment house in which Joseph R. Wilson lives to catch a glimpse of the President and his bride-to-be. Because it was Sunday, the applause of Friday and Saturday in New York and Philadelphia was missing but the people voiced their approval of the President's choice in audible comments.

Mrs. Galt wore a beautiful blue taffeta gown, a black velvet hat trimmed with fur, champagne colored gloves, and a short face veil, and smiled happily at the crowd. The President, too, smiled continually.

On the third finger of her left hand Mrs. Galt wore the diamond engagement ring given her by the President in New York. It had been reported that the platinum ring was set with only a solitaire diamond, but today it was noticed that it also had smaller diamonds in the narrow gold band.

MANNING TO VISIT BOLL WEEVIL ZONE

Governor, in Company With Clemson Experts, Going to Mississippi Valley.

Columbia Special to Charleston News and Courier, Oct. 9.—In order to see for himself what the actual conditions are in sections ravaged by the boll weevil and with the idea of getting some information valuable in fighting the weevil before it can extend its blighting presence to this state, Governor Richard I. Manning and several of the Clemson College authorities will make a trip of inspection to the Mississippi valley during the week October 16-23. The inspection trip will be made through Louisiana and Mississippi, where the boll weevil has been at its worst.

In addition to the governor the party which will make the inspection trip will be composed of W. M. Riggs, president of Clemson College; Senator Alan Johnstone of Newberry, president of the Clemson board of trustees; B. H. Rawls of the animal industry of the United States department and a trustee of Clemson College, and a Mr. Hunter, a special agent of the federal agricultural department.

The party will leave Columbia on next Saturday morning on No. 9, at 7:10, over the Southern Railway, and go direct from Spartanburg to New Orleans, reaching there Sunday morning. Places which will be visited in Louisiana will be: Alexandria, Monroe, Tallulah, and to Vicksburg, Miss. Other points in this state visited will be: Natchez, Brookhaven, Jackson and then back to Birmingham, Ala., reaching that city on Friday morning and come direct home, getting back to Columbia on the following Saturday, the entire trip being made in one week's time.

WRECK ON THE SOUTHERN.

Passenger Coaches Turn Over. No One Seriously Hurt.

Spartanburg, Oct. 10.—Special: Passenger train No. 46, local between Seneca and Charlotte, on the main line of the Southern Railway, was wrecked at Mt. Zion siding, three miles east of this city, this morning at 10:50 o'clock. It is said that the wreck was caused by some defect in the track, either a broken angle bar or a defective switch. Two passenger coaches and the baggage car turned over and were dragged some distance, but miraculously no one was injured beyond slight scratches. The fact that the coaches were of modern steel construction is believed to have prevented loss of life. The wreck blocked the main line on the Southern until 3:15 this afternoon. The coaches were picked up shortly after 5 o'clock. The trainmen in charge of the wrecked train were: Conductor Rowland, of Atlanta, and Engineer Chatham, of Spencer.

MILITIA UNDER ARMS IN THE CITY BY THE SEA

Guardsmen Prepared to Prevent Trouble if Necessity Arises in Mayoralty Election.

FIGHT HOTLY CONTESTED.

Governor Manning's Order Placing Militia at Disposal of Sheriff Martin Causes Sensation.

Charleston Special to The State, Oct. 11.—Three hundred men and officers of the National Guard and the naval militia are under arms tonight in their armories as a silent reserve force to insure law and order tomorrow when the municipal election is held. Tonight Charleston was quiet. The closing of the dispensaries caused a decrease of about 75 per cent in the normal election time drunkenness. One man was reported as having been beaten up by an election crowd.

Tonight at 8 o'clock four companies of the National Guard and three divisions of the naval militia gathered at their armories upon instructions from Governor Manning. W. W. Moore, adjutant general, arrived in Charleston at 9:45 o'clock tonight and went immediately to his hotel, where he held a conference with the officers of the Guard, J. Elmore Martin, sheriff, and Joseph A. Black, chairman of the city Democratic executive committee. General Moore told Sheriff Martin that he would hold himself subject to his orders.

Sheriff Martin announced tonight that he had sworn in about 50 deputies and that others would be secured early tomorrow morning. These deputies will augment the reserve force.

It was learned tonight that many extra policemen have been sworn in by the city administration.

Governor Manning, it was explained, ordered out the militia and authorized the extra deputies for the sole purpose of securing a peaceful and orderly election. If the Charleston police maintain order, then the militia will not be called upon by Chairman Black or Sheriff Martin. No deputies will be placed at the polls, unless the police fail to keep order.

Chairman Black made it plain tonight that his purpose was to have order so that every man might vote, regardless of faction. Sheriff Martin said tonight that it was his purpose to use every means to prevent a clash between the Charleston police and the special officers.

The order of Governor Manning placing the militia at the disposal of Sheriff Martin caused a sensation in Charleston. The order rivaled in interest the forthcoming election. Rumors were flying about tonight. The fact that the Guardsmen are under arms has had a quieting effect.

The ward leaders were busy until midnight marshaling their forces for tomorrow. The polls will open at 6 o'clock. It was said tonight that 500 men would vote in one of the upper wards just after 6 o'clock.

John P. Grace and T. T. Hyde, candidates for mayor, rested quietly tonight, except for conferences with their leaders. Practically every public automobile in Charleston has been secured to haul the voters to the polls.

Adjutant General Moore, addressing the officers of the militia tonight, cautioned them to remain calm and to do their duty without consideration for their own safety.

"If order is preserved by the police and the people are allowed to register their votes without interference under the rules of the Democratic party neither deputies nor militia will be called on. Otherwise, at the first instance where need is apparent, application will be made to the sheriff and the power appointed will be applied," said Chairman Black tonight, discussing the attitude of the city Democratic executive committee. He declared that an appeal to Governor Manning for the troops and deputies had been made because of "the threatened interference with a free expression of the people's will at the polls."

Mayor of Savannah Dead.
Savannah, Ga., Oct. 9.—Richard J. Davant, mayor of Savannah, died suddenly tonight at Millen, Ga., where he was visiting friends.

MANNING OPPOSES WAREHOUSE UNION

Governor Expresses His Views on Any Probable Combine Against State System.

WOULD PROTECT FARMER.

Has No Objection to Any Fair and Open Competition With the State System.

Columbia Special to Charleston News and Courier, Oct. 10.—Governor Richard I. Manning opposes a merger of private owned cotton warehouses, which would be against the state warehouse system. He wrote a letter of Mr. D. W. Robinson, an attorney of this city, setting forth his position. Mr. Robinson having called his attention to the proposed merger between the Standard Warehouse of Columbia and the Atlantic States Warehouse of Augusta, Ga.

The following is the governor's letter in full:

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 9, 1915.
D. W. Robinson, Esq., Columbia, S. C.—Dear Sir: I am in receipt of a copy of your letter of the 6th to Mr. T. B. Stackhouse, president Standard Warehouse Company, and thank you for the information contained therein. The subject covered is of vast importance to the state, and I would be glad to have you keep me advised of any developments in reference to same.

The success of any cotton warehouse system depends, in my opinion, on its independence of any other interests than that of the producer of the cotton, and any more that would place cotton under the control of the spinners, either domestic or foreign, or any other move inimical to the man who produces the crop, might bring disaster to the farming interests of our state.

DEPENDS ON FARMERS.
The prosperity and peace of our land depends, to a very large extent, on the success of our farmers. The state warehouse system, when the law is perfected, will, in my opinion, go a long way to solve the problem of the gradual marketing of the cotton crop. Cheap insurance and a low rate of interest on cotton stored, are essential to successful warehousing of cotton, and a state system can secure these results better than any other.

It is true that an effort is being made to block the purposes for which the state warehouse system is created. It is of the utmost importance that whatever steps are necessary to prevent the scheme, should be taken without delay.

Of course, there can be no objection to any corporation, firm or individuals engaging in legitimate cotton warehousing, even in competition with the state, if they wish, so long as that competition is fair and open. My only desire is that the man who, by his labor, produces the crop, secures the greatest protection at the least cost in the storing of same.

I agree with you that the warehouse has become an important factor in this State, furnishing means by which the producers are enabled, when the market is depressed, to hold the cotton and obtain loans on it at reasonable rates, until the market is such as to justify them in selling same, instead of forcing the sale on a glutted market.

I, of course, know nothing of the plans of the corporation, of which, I presume, from your letter, you are a stockholder, and sincerely trust that no steps will be taken looking to the blocking or tearing down of the State warehouse system. Perfect the law creating it and give it a fair trial, and it will, in my opinion, prove a great asset, not only to the farmers of South Carolina, but to all South Carolina interests as well. I shall certainly lend every assistance in my power to perfect it and make it a success. I am, very truly yours,
Richard I. Manning, Governor.

Presbyterians Call Pastor.
Winnsboro Special to The Charleston News and Courier, Oct. 9.—At a congregational meeting at the Zion Presbyterian church here it was voted to extend a call to Rev. G. G. Mayes, of Greenville to become its pastor. Rev. Mayes was duly notified of the action taken by the congregation, but he has not yet been heard from as to whether or not he will accept the call.

GREATEST SLIDE IN CANAL'S HISTORY

Ten Million Cubic Yards of Earth to be Dredged Out Before Permanent Channel is Secured.

Panama, Oct. 10.—A survey of the slide area in the Gaillard Cut shows that probably 10,000,000 cubic yards of earth must be dredged out before a permanent channel through the cut is possible. This is the conclusion reached by the canal engineers who concede there is now little hope of opening the waterway much before the first of the year. The present rate of excavation is 1,000,000 yards a month and at this rate it would require 10 months to remove the mass sliding into the canal.

The area of motion is roughly calculated to be in the neighborhood of 175 acres, which constitute the greatest slide area in the canal's history. It extends 2,600 feet along both banks, with probably an average of 1,500 feet back of the center line of the canal prism.

Major General Goethals, governor of the canal zone, has not yet made an official announcement concerning the probability of opening a temporary channel, but it is believed shipping interests have been given to understand the nature of the situation and it is probable that most of the 100 ships awaiting passage through the canal will be ordered to their destinations by other routes.

INVADERS OCCUPY SERBIAN CAPITAL

Greater Part of Belgrade in Teuton Hands and Troops Penetrating Further.

Berlin, via London, Oct. 9.—Teutonic troops invading Serbia have captured the greater part of the city of Belgrade, it was officially announced today.

It also was announced that the Teutonic troops were driving the Serbians toward the south, after crossing the Danube at four points below Semendria.

The announcements were contained in a section of today's statement by German army headquarters, which reads:

"The main sections of two armies of the newly formed army group under Field Marshal Von Mackensen have crossed the Save and Danube rivers. After the German troops of the army of the Royal and Imperial infantry under Gen. Von Koevess had captured Ziguner Island and the hills southwest of Belgrade, the army succeeded in bringing the greater part of the city of Belgrade into the hands of the allies.

"Austrian troops stormed the citadel and the northern section of the town of Belgrade. German troops entered the New Konak (the Royal palace). The troops are penetrating further through the southern part of the town.

"The army of Gen. Von Gallwitz has forced crossings over the Danube at four points on the section below Semendria and is driving the enemy in front of it toward the south."

FIGHT ON TUBERCULOSIS.

Southern Conference Asks Wilson for Special Commission.

Columbia, Oct. 9.—At the concluding session today the Southern Tuberculosis Conference adopted a resolution memorializing President Wilson and Congress for a commission of expert physicians and laymen to make a study of and determine if possible the basic factors involved in the prevention of tuberculosis. A second resolution endorsed the work of the United States public health service for its investigation of tuberculosis problems in several sections of the country.

Physicians and health experts attended from eleven states.

MAYOR DAVANT DIES.

Savannah's Chief Official Passes Away.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 9.—Richard J. Davant, mayor of Savannah, died suddenly tonight at Millen, Ga., where he was visiting friends.

Mayor Davant had been in failing health for more than a year, and it was only a week ago that he was able to return to his desk at the city hall. He was 49 years old.

The mayor went to Millen yesterday to spend the week-end at his country estate near there. He was stricken ill while calling on some friends in Millen early tonight and died before medical aid could reach him.

TEUTONS MARCH EAST TOWARD MOUNTAINS

Austro-Germans Now in Full Possession of Belgrade and Heights.

OPPOSED BY REAR GUARD.

Bulgarians So Far as is Known Have Made No Inursion Into Serbian Territory.

London, Oct. 10.—The Austro-Germans are in full possession of Belgrade and the heights surrounding the city and are marching east toward the mountains which the Serbians last year so stubbornly defended against the Austrians.

For some time to come the invaders, it is expected, will have to fight only the rear guards, whose duty it is to delay their progress, for the Serbians will do doubtless as they have done before—fall back until they reach favorable positions. In fact, military writers here do not expect a pitched battle on this front for ten days or a fortnight, by which time the allied forces landed at Saloniki should have joined the Serbians.

The Bulgarians, so far as is known have made no incursion into Serbian territory and it is believed they will withhold their hands until they know how matters go with the Austro-Germans. Some Balkan authorities, indeed, still believe that the Bulgarians will not interfere with the movement northward of the Anglo-French expedition, for to do so would immediately bring the shells of the warships into their ports on the Black and Aegean seas, probably followed by the landing of Russian troops at Varna and Burgas and of other allied troops at Deatetch.

Representatives of the entente have furnished the Greek government with information of a treaty between the Bulgarian and the German governments which it is asserted gives Bulgaria free hand to deal not only with Serbia but with Greece as well, should the central powers win.

Fighting on the various fronts brought about little or no change in the situation today. Germans, after two days heavy fighting, in which, according to the British and French accounts, they suffered a severe reverse, have abandoned for the moment the attempt to recapture territory won from them by the British south of La Bassee. They do claim, however, to have retaken from the French some trenches east of Souchez and at Tahure, in Champagne.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg is making slow progress in his operations against Dvinsk, and, although he claims to have taken more of the Russian positions, he does not appear to be much nearer the city than he was two weeks ago.

South of the Pripiet river and in Galicia the tide of battle ebbs and flows. First the Russians then the Austro-Germans attack and counter-attack and where during the summer miles of country would change hands in a day, now it is a question of defending some isolated village. The heaviness of the roads doubtless is largely responsible for this.

SALOONS WERE CLOSED.

For First Time in 44 Years Chicago Was Dry All Day Sunday.

Chicago, Oct. 10.—Saloons, hotel and restaurant bars were closed here today for the first Sunday in 44 years as a result of Mayor Thompson's order for the police to enforce a State law which had been ignored so long as almost to have been forgotten. The 7,000 or more saloons have been regulated under a city ordinance which ordered that they be closed between 1 and 5 o'clock in the morning.

Carolina Gamecocks Beat Presbyterians.

Columbia Special to Charleston News and Courier, Oct. 9.—The Carolina Gamecocks easily overcame the Clinton Presbyterians on Davis Field here this afternoon, the final score standing, Carolina 41, Presbyterian College 0. Numerous penalties inflicted throughout the progress of the game served materially in holding down the score.